

# Applications Open

## PLAY, PEDAGOGY AND PRACTICES: A NEW ZEALAND EXPLORATION IN EARLY EDUCATION

31 October - 15 November 2026

Join students and members from the Early Childhood sector for a once-in-a-lifetime New Zealand exploration in early education, focusing on play, pedagogy and practice.

Experience early childhood education in a global context through an immersive study tour that brings learning to life. Explore real-world early education environments in New Zealand, engage with international educators and play researchers, and see how play, pedagogy, and practice shape learning across cultures.

Throughout the tour, you'll visit diverse early childhood settings, observe teaching in action, and reflect on your own pedagogical beliefs. You'll build cross-cultural understanding, strengthen your professional identity, and develop graduate capabilities that will support your career long after the tour ends.

Participants will also attend the International Play Association World Conference, connect with global leaders in play-based learning, and form meaningful friendships with peers. Alongside the academic experience, you'll enjoy the culture, landscapes, and community life that make New Zealand such an inspiring place to learn.

This study tour blends professional growth with cultural exploration—broadening your perspective, deepening your skills, and offering an unforgettable international learning experience.

### LOCATIONS

- New Zealand
  - Christchurch
  - Lake Tekapo & Wānaka
  - Queenstown
  - Auckland

### KEY EVENTS

- IPA World Conference on Play
- Longworth Education Workshop
- School visits and workshops



## WHAT TO EXPECT

Get ready for a Study Tour that's brimming with excitement! Here's a sneak peek of what's in store:

- Listen, learn, network and participate at the 2026 International Play Association World Conference.
- Gain hands-on professional experience at various education workshops.
- Experience Early Childhood education in a different country through multiple school visits.
- Unwind in the beautiful landscapes of New Zealand and immerse yourself in culture including a Māori Hāngī dinner.
- Make lifelong friends and connections with students, peers and professionals.

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to second year and beyond students studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood, Bachelor of Early Childhood & Primary or a Bachelor of Primary Education.

### GPA Requirement

4.0 or above

Members of the Early Childhood sector are encouraged to apply (minimum Diploma).

## FUNDING

### OS-HELP

Eligible Australian citizens and certain visa holders residing in Australia may access an OS-HELP Loan of \$8,442.

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## JOIN US IN NEW ZEALAND THIS YEAR!

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Date

31 October - 15 November 2026

### Estimated Cost

\$6,700 - \$7,499

\*Dependant on the number of participants, includes the cost of academic travel expenses

### Inclusions

Accommodation, local transportation, some meals, activities, visits & excursions.

### Exclusions

International flights, visa & passport costs, some meals, personal expenses & unit tuition fees.

### Credit Points Available

11905 Early Childhood International Experience - 3 Credit Points

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